

## TA management program soars

The DANTES Distance Learning Program provides Tuition Assistance (TA) fund management for distance learning courses for Army, Air National Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps and for both distance learning and classroom courses for the Army Reserves, Army National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve Command.



During FY01, DANTES managed the TA program for eighteen states for the Army National Guard and added eight more states at the beginning of FY02. During FY01, the TA fund management program experienced tremendous growth.

The Reserve components, the driving force behind this unprecedented growth, increased enrollments by 1100 percent and increased expenditures by over \$7 million. This represented 92 percent of all enrollments and 91 percent of all TA payments.

The active duty components experienced declining enrollments in FY01, down 25 percent with expenditures of \$0.6 million that reflected 8 percent of the total enrollments and 9 percent of TA payments. The declines were

primarily due to the “24 week rule.” Under this rule, the active component Service pays the TA up-front at the local education center for distance learning courses that are less than 24 weeks. Previously these courses were paid by reimbursement via the DANTES program.

The overall growth in FY01 for all programs was a 343 percent (17,138) increase in enrollments and a 120 percent (\$3.6 million) increase in TA payments. Total enrollments and payments were 26,146 and \$7.3 million, respectively.

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## New Chief, DOD Continuing Education



*Gary Woods*

Mr. Gary Woods has been selected as the new Chief, DOD Continuing Education, replacing Mr. Otto Thomas. He reports on board 8 April.

Gary leaves his position as MAJCOM Director of Education, Training and Career Development at HQ Air Force Materiel Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He also serves as the Vice Chair, Air Force Education and Training Reform Council Technology Committee. The committee is reviewing existing education and training technology in and out of government, will be costing out, and making recommendations to the SECDEF and CSAF reference any and all types of technology that the Air Force will need to procure to deliver

education and training efficiently and effectively to the total force over the next 10-15 years.

Gary holds a BA in History, an MA in European History, and an MA in Education. He has been in the Defense Leadership and Management Program (DLAMP) since 1998, and Park University recently awarded him an honorary Ph.D.

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## Voluntary Education community loses dedicated leader

Dr. Edwin C. Peterson's death marks the end of a remarkable career in the support of personnel



*Edwin Peterson*

programs, military voluntary education, and people. His innovation, professionalism, and outstanding leadership changed how voluntary education was conducted in the Pacific Air Forces, United States Pacific Command, and Department of Defense. His consistent record of significant innovation and accomplishment have positively impacted the quality of life and education of all Service members whom he diligently and faithfully served.

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# Distance Learning

## DANTES Distance Learning news

### Distance Learning, Accreditation, and Tuition Assistance

When Service members enroll in distance learning courses from schools not listed in the DANTES Distance Learning Program catalogs, the school must be nationally or regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the Department of Education. Otherwise, tuition assistance (TA) cannot be approved.

There should be a strong rationale for enrollment in a nationally or regionally accredited school not affiliated with DANTES. This rationale should be based on such characteristics as a student's previously approved program of study, cost, curriculum content, convenience, or delivery method.

The DANTES Distance Learning Program catalogs offer a wide range of options and normally are sufficient for most Service members' needs. DANTES' involvement in negotiating the Memorandum of Understanding with schools in our catalogs provides some protection for Service members that does not necessarily exist when DANTES is not involved; i.e., SOC membership, transcript annotation issues, statement of faith, etc.

The student and the education counselor, therefore, are responsible if problems arise from enrollment with a school that is not affiliated with DANTES. Further, the counselor and the student are responsible for ensuring schools not affiliated with DANTES are properly accredited and are approvable for TA according to Service TA policy.

### ***DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs update***

#### New address

**National Training, Inc.**

P. O. Box 65789

Orange Park, FL 32065-5789

#### Name change

The **American Bible College and Seminary** has changed its name to **American Christian College and Seminary**.

### **Completion rates for FY00 distance learning students**

Completion rates for FY00 DANTES distance learning students were 65 percent for active duty students and 75 percent for Reserve component students. The completion rate was 87 percent for distance learning students taking courses less than 24 weeks in length and whose tuition assistance was paid up-front.

#### TA

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To accommodate this increased activity, DANTES added four new contract data-entry positions and is examining ways to expand further to meet the growing program needs. A new TA management computer program is under development that will improve the data input. We have also reorganized the work environment and office layout to accommodate the additional staff and make the process more efficient.

We expect FY02 to be even bigger as the program continues expanding to meet the needs of Service members.

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#### ***FROM 1***

in Higher Education Administration. He has completed Harvard University's "Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education," OPM's Federal Executive Institute, and two Defense training programs: the Senior Executive Leadership Course (SELC) and the Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP). He has also attended the Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and Air Force Squadron Commander's Course.

Gary has more than 25 years of experience with military voluntary education programs as a major command Chief of Education Services, base Education Services Officer, an Education Specialist responsible for counseling and testing programs, and an Educational Advisor to a recruiting battalion.

Before entering government service in 1976, he was Chapman College's center director at El Toro Marine Base and Port Hueneme Naval Base in California.

Gary has received numerous awards including HQ AF Materiel Command Awards for Meritorious Civilian Service, the Nathan Altschuler Award for Best Air Force Education Center, a Distinguished Service Award from the Military Educators and Counselors Association, and a Program Excellence Award from National University Continuing Education Association.

## Calendar

### April

5	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
7-12	GRE Subject*
15-19	CLEP General English Composition w/Essay*
20-24	Praxis*

### May

7, 8, 9	ASE (Overseas)**
7, 9, 14	ASE**

### June

7	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
10	LSAT
15-19	Praxis*

### July

15-19	CLEP General English Composition w/Essay*
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### Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

\*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

\*\*ASE test orders must reach ASE by 15 March for May administration.

<http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/exam/01-02htm>

## SAT I summer shutdown

The SAT Program shuts down its scoring system in late summer to prepare for the national testing program starting in October. For the current testing year, the SAT Program is shutting down the scoring system effective 1 August 2002. This annual shutdown has always created administrative problems for both DANTES test centers and for the testing agency.

Examinees experience significant score delays if they test after the end of June. If their registration forms and answer sheets do not meet the July processing deadlines, their materials are held until the scoring system becomes operational in September. Additionally, the SAT Program manually transcribes the registration information onto the new year's registration form before scoring the answer sheet.

To prevent this inconvenience to the examinee:

Do not schedule SAT I testing in July and August.

Return all administered SAT I answer sheets with the required registration forms immediately after testing NLT 30 June.

Return all unused SAT I test booklets in July.

Order new 2002-2003 year SAT I tests in July. New test forms are available for shipping in late August.

Administer only the ACT Assessment in July and August.

Contact DANTES Examination Programs if emergencies arise requiring SAT I testing in July.

## New DSST alternate forms

The following newly developed alternate DSST test forms are available for ordering now:

SH450 – Principles of Statistics

SH474 – Ethics in America

SH519 – Physical Geology

SL530 – Human Resource Management

SH812 – Business Mathematics

SH815 – Principles of Public Speaking

SH820 – Technical Writing

If these tests are popular at your test center, we strongly recommend you order these alternate forms and freely rotate them when administering these tests.

## DSST recall

By now you should have returned the following DSST test forms recalled in the January 2002 TCO Memorandum from CGI/ETS:

SG474 – Ethics in America

SG519 – Physical Geology

SH530 – Human Resource Management

SG812 – Business Mathematics

SG820 – Technical Writing

If you still have these forms in your safe, do not administer them and return them immediately.

# Certification Training

## DANTES and CompTIA—a new story



CompTIA, the Computing Technology Industry Association, and DANTES are about to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU will provide an opportunity for personnel in the United States Army Reserves, United States Army National Guard, and United States Air Force Reserves to receive after-the-fact reimbursement for information technology (IT) certification exams offered at Prometric and VUE™ test centers.

CompTIA is a not-for-profit trade association that represents thousands of member companies and individuals in the rapidly converging computing and communications market.

Expect information on the DANTES web site as soon as specific details become final. Find information on the DANTES Certification Programs web site, <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm> or contact DANTES Certification Programs at (850) 452-1360 or DSN 922-1360.

## DANTES new member of PCAB

Sandra Winborne, Manager of DANTES Certification Programs, was recently asked by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) to be a member of the Professional Certification Advisory Board (PCAB).

PCAB is an advisory committee mandated under Public Law 106-50. This Public Law identifies the need of veterans to obtain and maintain competitiveness in the civilian job market.

## SOC to conduct training in conjunction with Regional Workshop

On 22 and 23 May 2002, DANTES will conduct a Regional Workshop at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

This is the second regional to be held on a college campus; the first was at Windward Community College in Kaneohe, Hawaii, in November 2001.

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) personnel will hold pre-workshop training sessions on Tuesday, 21 May. Participants will learn how to effectively navigate SOC's web site, how SOC Degree Networks and two-way guaranteed transferability work, as well as receive an evaluator's primer on awarding credit for military experience. For those who do not have an opportunity to attend the SOC training, there will be a short SOC update presentation during the DANTES Regional Workshop.

Other concurrent sessions planned include:

Veterans Affairs update

Troops to Teachers

ESO Strategies for the Reserve Components

New Initiatives in Certification

DANTES Testing

Counselor Support Programs

Distance Learning and Tuition Assistance

plus much more.



All members of the voluntary education community are invited to attend both the SOC pre-workshop training and the DANTES Regional Workshop at no cost to participants.

Agendas and the workshop registration form can be found at the DANTES training web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/DANTES/TRNGMKTG/workshops.htm> or you can call Betty Keese or Sandi Marquis at (850) 452-1884 or DSN 922-1884 to obtain copies via fax or E-mail.



<http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/bulletin>



## Financial aid resources

DANTES has several publications on financial aid. These items may be ordered by military education centers with DANTES ID numbers. Please use the [DANTES Material Request Form](#) when placing your order.

On the Internet lies a wealth of information on college financial aid. We have put several of the best sites available on our Counselor Internet Resources page at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/refpubs/inetres.htm>. Click on



“Online Financial Aid Information” when you get to this site.

**NOTE:** There are so many publications, both print and online, that provide details on grants, scholarships, loans, etc., including eligibility and how to apply, that there is **no** need for a Service member to pay any company to provide him or her with

this information. Be wary of scholarship scams!!

Title	Stock Number	Limit Per Year
<i>College Costs and Financial Aid Handbook</i>	2427	5
<i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i>	2404	500
<i>Funding Your Education</i>	2405	500
<i>Need A Lift? - A College Financial Aid Handbook</i>	2402	200
<i>Don't Miss Out - A Guide to Financial Aid</i>	2421	50
<i>Scholarship Handbook</i>	2428	5

## Job information on the Web

In addition to educational guidance, many counselors at military education centers provide information and assistance on careers. These web sites may be of interest:

**Bureau of Labor Statistics** at <http://stats.bls.gov> is a remarkably user-friendly site with a “Career Guides” section broken down by industry, plus “How Much People Earn” by locale.

**JOBSTAR** at <http://jobstar.org> contains “Resumes,” “Career Guides,” “Salary Info,” and “Hidden Job Markets,” plus other features.

**SALARY.COM** at <http://salary.com>; check out this site’s “Salary Wizard” and “Job Finder” section.

## DISCOVER shipped

The new DISCOVER program has been shipped to those centers who requested it. Also, there may be a few returned from these sites, due to computer problems, so if there is interest at your location, please contact Vince Harmon, DSN 922-1884 or 850-452-1884 or E-mail [vharmon@voled.doded.mil](mailto:vharmon@voled.doded.mil). ACT, Inc. has been awarded our CAGIS contract covering the next 5 years.

The *Education Center Directory* continues to be a very popular web site on the DOD home page. We are averaging about 45 hits a day. This increased volume has put our site 24 percent ahead of last year’s usage at this time of the year. The main reason for this big increase is that you in the field have continued to update and correct any changes in the address, phone numbers, and personnel at the sites. This action by you has enabled us to create a *Directory* that continues to provide quick and correct information to all inquiries.

Thank you for your support from the Counselor Support Team.

## Quarterly reports for DISCOVER due

Quarterly reports are due by 15 April from education centers and Family Support Centers that have the DISCOVER program. Negative reports **are** required.

You can fax the report to DSN 922-1588 or (850) 452-1588, or mail it to DANTES, Code 10B, 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509-5243.

# From the Advisor's Desk

## Worldwide Symposium update

by MGySgt James P. O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

Pop Quiz: "What are the dates and location of the next DOD Worldwide Education Symposium?"

In preparation of what many agree is one of the most engaging and informative events in DOD Voluntary Education, planning activities for the DOD Worldwide Education Symposium 2003 (WW03) are moving ahead unfettered.



The WW03 Planning Committee considers prospective concurrent sessions.

The WW03 Planning Committee met recently to assemble, consider, and organize prospective concurrent sessions to be offered at WW03. The Planning Committee is comprised of representatives from each of the active duty, Guard and Reserve components, Coast Guard, and Higher Education.

The recent WW03 Planning Committee meeting activities included:

- Marketing efforts
- Exhibitor activities and updates
- Anticipated Service and/or College meetings at WW03
- Concurrent Session Topics

### WW03 Web Site updates

At this meeting, Ms. Pat Landry, Chairperson of the WW03 Planning Committee, highlighted some important areas.

"The individual input of all committee members is absolutely essential to the program we provide to our DOD VolEd community at WW03. Their contributions are key." She added, "I rely on the experience and judgement of the committee members. They are

carefully considering the many issues and striving to provide relevant sessions touching on all aspects of Voluntary Education."

WW03 **exhibitor opportunities** are truly **outstanding**. Organizations that are aware of WW03 and the powerful effect of exhibiting at WW03 have already started reserving booth spaces. The Exhibit floor at WW03 is state of the art and is centrally located for maximum exposure to attendees.

For the latest information on exhibiting at WW03, including an illustration of the Exhibits Floor and downloadable Exhibitor Prospectus, visit <http://www.ww-003.com>.

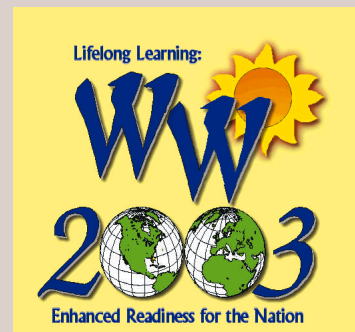
For Pop Quiz answers, see page 4.

Do you have a success story? Write me at [jokeefe@voled.doded.mil](mailto:jokeefe@voled.doded.mil).

## DOD WORLDWIDE EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

7-11 July 2003

Orlando World Center  
Marriott Resort &  
Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida



For Symposium information,  
go to  
<http://www.ww-003.com>

## PETERSON FROM 1

A native of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, Dr. Peterson started his career in 1958 as an Education Advisor in the 507th Fighter Wing, Air Defense Command, Kincheloe Air Force Base, Michigan. In 1972, he became the Chief of Education and Training, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

The "Edwin C. Peterson" scholarship fund has been established in honor of Dr. Peterson at Northern Michigan University (NMU) where he received his undergraduate degree and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1981.

We have lost a leader, mentor, and dear friend. He touched many lives in a positive way—his attitude was always "How can we help?" He will be missed by all.

# ACME highlights

by Pat Landry, ACME Coordinator

If you read the March *DANTES Information Bulletin* article, you noticed that several ACME's are scheduling meetings/conferences in the springtime or early summer. These conferences are an excellent resource for gathering information from colleges and DOD personnel about new issues, state education legislative changes, DOD education updates plus simply a time of networking among educators. If possible, try to attend one nearest your location. The meeting dates are being repeated in this month's article.

## Florida Advisory Council on Military Education:

Web site: <http://www.fla-acme.org>

### Spring Conference

20-22 May 2002

Trumbo Palms Conference Center  
NAS Key West  
Key West, Florida

Early Registration fee (before 6 May) is \$80; on-site registration is \$110. Registration fee includes the Past President's Reception, buffet lunches, and breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Registration form may be viewed at <http://www.fla-acme.org>.

There is no designated lodging site for this conference. Attendees may select their lodging based on budget and location preference. Those eligible who want to stay in the BOQ, also located at the conference center, should contact them directly. The phone numbers for NAS Key West's MWR is (305) 293-2112 and the Navy Lodge is (305) 292-7556.

For more information, go to <http://www.kwnas.navy.mil/cbh.htm>.

Also, for a good map of Key West go to <http://www.kwnas.navy.mil/keywest.htm>.

### Fall Conference

5-7 November 2002

The Ponce de Leon Hotel, Golf & Conference Center  
St. Augustine, Florida

## Pennsylvania Advisory Council for Military/Veterans Education (PACMVE)

### Meetings

May: Date to be determined.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

7 November 2002

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

333 Market St.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

For more information, contact William Stephens at (717) 540-9010 or E-mail: [wstephens@state.pa.us](mailto:wstephens@state.pa.us).

## Advisory Council on Military Education in Texas and the South (COMETS)

### COMETS Conference

4-5 April 2002

Omni Marina

Corpus Christi, Texas

Registration: \$110 (\$125 on-site)

For hotel reservations, call (361) 887-1600.

For further information, contact Melody Toney at (501) 987-8893.

### Thursday's featured Speaker

is Dr. Steve Springer, Director, Career & Technology Education & Director, Occupational Education Program, Southwest Texas State University.

### Friday's featured Speaker is

LtGen (retired) David McIlvoy, Coordinator Adult Degree Completion Program, University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas.

## Utah Advisory Council on Military Education (UACME)

Web site: <http://www.uacme.org>

### Meeting

17 May 2002, 11 a.m.

Hosted by ITT Technical Institute

920 W. LeVoy Drive

Murray, Utah

For more information, contact SGM John Strong at (801) 523-4537 or E-mail [john.strong@ut.ngb.army.mil](mailto:john.strong@ut.ngb.army.mil).

## The Association for Military Educators in Washington State (AMEWS)

**Latest Update:** This council is currently inactive. Information will be posted if or when it becomes active again.

Look for update reports from the February conferences of the **South Carolina ACME and the Council of College & Military Educators (CCME)** in our next issue.

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